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Final Results of the SARL YL Sprint

The committee received 14 logs for the YL Sprint held on Sunday 9 August 2015. The results as published in HF Happenings 668 are now deemed as the final results.



Provisional Results of the SARL HF Digital Contest

The contest committee received 7 logs for the HF Digital contest held on Sunday 16 August

- 1st Roger Jones, ZS6RJ, 166 points
- 2nd Les Elliot, G4OGB, 52 points
- 3rd Jack Welch, 5R8SV, 48 points
- 4th Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, and Stephan van Jaarsveld, ZS6SVJ, both with 22 points
- 6th Henk Gelderblom, ZS6JHG, 20 points
- 7th Geoff Levey, ZS6C, 18 points

Highest score on a single band

Roger Jones, ZS6RJ, with 114 points on 20 metres

Club Competition

- 1st West Rand ARC, 184 points
- 2nd Centurion ARC and Lichtenburg ARC with 22 points each

Soapbox: I worked the contest from Antananarivo, Madagascar, where I will be living for the next three years. My equipment consisted of a Kenwood TS-450 running at 50 W for both RTTY and PSK modes. A bit more power would have been nice for RTTY, but I was also limited on receive by local noise. I started by aiming a hexbeam at South Africa and worked all the PSK and RTTY that I

could. I could not hear a lot of stations, but those that I did; I tended to work on both modes. Then to my dipole for 40 m for a bit, with a few more contacts. At that point, I heard some EU/Middle East stations and turned the hexbeam northwards. I picked up a few more contacts, but some of the replies were general QSOs and I had to inform them about the contest to get the "001" exchange. I think at least of one the contacts confused the SARL and SARTG contests because he gave me an exchange of "655," which I thought was extraordinarily high. I enjoyed the contest and look forward to occasionally taking part in other SARL events. 73, from the Red Island, de Jack, 5R8SV.

The South African Radio League HF CW Contest

The aim of the HF CW Contest is for participants to contact as many amateurs in Southern Africa as possible on the 20, 40 and 80 m amateur bands.



The HF CW contest takes place from 13:00 to 16:30 UTC on Sunday 30 August 2015 activity from 14 000 to 14 060 kHz; 7 000 to 7 040 kHz and 3 510 to 3 560 kHz.

You can participate as a Single Operator Single Band, a Single Operator All Band; a Multi Operator Single Band or a Multi Operator All Band station. Individual competitors and club stations are encouraged to compete.

The exchange is a RST report and a consecutive serial number starting at 001. Digital contacts count 2 points. Count two points for each area (see below) on each band. Count 2 points for each stations contacted on all three bands.



Area 1: ZS1 Western Cape
 Area 2: ZS2 Eastern Cape
 Area 3: ZS3 Northern Cape
 Area 4: ZS4 Free State
 Area 5: ZS5 KwaZulu-Natal
 Area 6: ZS6 Gauteng, Mpumalanga; Limpopo and North West
 Area 7: 3B8 Mauritius, 3DA Swaziland, 7P Lesotho, 7Q Malawi, C9 Mozambique, Z2 Zimbabwe, 5R Madagascar, FR Reunion Island and FH Mayotte
 Area 8: 9J Zambia, A2 Botswana, D2 Angola, V5 Namibia, ZD9 Gough and Tristan da Cunha Islands, ZS7 Antarctica and ZS8 Marion Island

Contacts with stations outside these areas are allowed, QSO points may be claimed but no zone or three-bander points may be claimed.

Certificates are awarded to the first three places and the highest single band score in each contest. There is also a trophy for the highest combined score in the three HF contests (phone, digital and CW).

Log sheets must be submitted in .adi, .cbr or MS Excel format by midnight 23 August 2015 by e-mail to zs4bfn@gmail.com. Name you log "your call sign.cbr" or "your call sign.adi" or "your call sign.xls" e.g. ZS6C.cbr or ZS2EC.adi or 7P8DG.xls

DO Not submit your log as a .jpg, .png or .pdf file!!

Atlantic Hurricane Season 2015

Tropical Storm Danny moving over Puerto Rico and towards Cuba marks the first notable storm of the Atlantic Hurricane Season this year. Therefore, it is time to remind the wider Amateur Radio community that the following frequencies may be in use by nets in North and Central America to track and deal with the consequences of these severe weather events. Radio Amateurs in Region 2 play their part in gathering and distributing



August
 2 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF Phone Contest
 8 to 10 Aug – 7P8BM active holiday style from Malealea
 9 – National Women's Day; SARL YL Sprint; Closing date HF Phone Logs
 10 – Public Holiday
 15 and 16 – International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
 16 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF Digital Contest
 22 – Amateur Radio in Action – Johannesburg
 23 – Closing date for the HF Digital logs
 27 to 30 Aug – Gariep Arts Festival, Kimberley
 28 and 29 Aug – Hantam Vleisfees, Calvinia
 30 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF CW Contest

September
 2 – Secretary's Day
 3 Closing date October RAE
 4 – Casual Day; 1 SA Tank Regiment Night Shoot
 5 – SA Armour Museum Open Day
 6 – Closing date for HF CW Logs; Cellar Rats Wine Festival, The Old Mill, Magaliesburg
 5 and 6 – IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day
 12 and 13 – SARL National Field Day
 14 and 15 – Rosh Hashanah
 16 – World Ozone Day
 19 – Amateur Radio in Action, Pretoria
 19 and 20 – SARL VHF/UHF Contest
 20 – Closing date for National Field Day logs
 23 – Yom Kippur; Spring Equinox
 24 – National Braai Day (National Heritage Day)
 25 – School holiday
 26 – Namaqua West Coast Heritage Weekend, Doringbaai
 26 and 27 – CQ WW RTTY Contest
 27 – Closing date for VHF/UHF logs

information for the weather and emergency services as they do every year.

Radio Amateurs in Region 1 are reminded it is possible to cause unintentional QRM to these nets so please listen carefully if operating near these frequencies:

Caribbean Emergency and Weather Nets: 7,162 and 3,815 MHz

Eastern Caribbean Narrow Band Emergency System Net: 7,036 MHz USB (Olivia and MT63)

Caribbean Emergency: 14,185 MHz

Dominican Republic: 7,065 and 3,780 MHz

Cuba: 7,045, 7,080, 7,110 and 3,740 MHz

Central America: 7,090 and 3,750 MHz

Nicaragua: 7,098 MHz
Guatemala: 7,075 MHz
Panama: 7,085 MHz
Mexico: 7,060 and 3,690 MHz
USA:

Maritime Mobile Service Net: 14,300 MHz
Hurricane Watch Net: 14,325 MHz
Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN): 14,265 MHz

Other local emergency communications groups may also activate if a hurricane approaches their area and those frequencies would be announced at the time.

North Korea, P5

The following is listed as "DPRK Project (Press Release I)" [edited]: During June 2013, Manuel German, EA7AJR, and I had our first meeting with a Democratic People's Republic of Korea Government official. After our meeting, we gave him a Ham Radio project for DPRK. One year later, April 2014, we had our second meeting and we gave him a new project. In April 2015, we had our third meeting and a new project was sent to Pyongyang. Just few days later after our project was received at the Ministry, the DPRK Government sent us an official invitation to visit the country looking to discuss our project details in person. Today 17 August 2015, we had a meeting with high-level officials from the Telecom Ministry. They were very kind, receptive and cooperative. They knew everything about Ham Radio, so it was really easy to talk with them about our Ham Radio operation project. If everything goes as it is going up today, I can tell that we are very close to get permission to realize the first legal Ham Radio operation from DPRK. So let us keep our fingers crossed because we are also in front of a real and historical possibility to an opening to future Ham Radio operations from this nice country. Antonio González EA5RM, Pyongyang 17 August 2015.

Web Site of the Week

The Spark Museum of Electrical Invention
<http://www.sparkmuseum.org/>

If you cannot travel to Bellingham, Washington to visit it in person, check out their excellent web site, for example "The Beginning of Radio and the Wireless Era" [http://www.sparkmuseum.org/collections/the-beginning-of-radio-and-the-wireless-era-\(1853-1920\)/](http://www.sparkmuseum.org/collections/the-beginning-of-radio-and-the-wireless-era-(1853-1920)/). Beautiful photography and easy navigation make for a great experience. If you visit in person, you may find the museum's Tesla coil in operation - it is capable of 3 m sparks. Licensed amateurs may be able to operate the museum's amateur station, W7MRE.

Word to the Wise

3830 - The term "3830" used to (and still can) refer to the 80 m frequency where testers gathered after the contest to compare scores. It was particularly lively on the east coast of the US, where the very competitive multi-multi stations would share their unverified QSO counts, multiplier counts and scores. With the advent of e-mail and the internet, it then evolved to be the 3830 e-mail reflector on <http://lists.contesting.com/mailman/listinfo/3830>, where Dink, N7WA, posts contest summaries for many contests. Bruce, WA7BNM, made it easier to post scores through his website, which is (now) 3830scores.com. With any change, things are lost and things are gained. While 3,830 MHz is generally empty post-contest, contest summaries and commentary are available any time (and potentially in perpetuity) via the reflector and web site and provide thoughtful and useful information that can improve your contest scores.

Operating Tip

If you are new to a particular contest, you can research how others approach it by examining past years' post-contest commentaries on 3830scores.com. Even the shaggy dog stories are helpful, for humour or counter-example.

A really big Coronal Mass Ejection

Sure, the bands have been a bit lacking lately, but what if Earth were directly in the path of a really big Coronal Mass Ejection? <http://gizmodo.com/what-would-happen-if-a-massive-solar-storm-hit-the-earth-1724650105>. More folks are realising that it could be very bad news.



Technical Web Site of the Week

Instructables.com <http://instructables.com/>

Whether you need to know how to shave with an Axe

<http://www.instructables.com/id/how-to-shave-with-an-axe/> (getting ready for the Field Day Press onslaught, perhaps?), make your own locknuts

<http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Locknuts/>, get your workshop organised <http://www.instructables.com/id/Project-ideas-to-organize-your-garage-workshop/>, or thousands of other topics, this site has it.

There is even one for becoming one of us - How to Talk to someone using Ham Radio <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Talk-to-Someone-Using-Ham-Radio/>.

As its all user-generated content, you too can help others by sharing your knowledge.

African DX

Zambia, 9J. Peter, 9J2HN will be active as 9J2JOCV from Lusaka, Zambia until 31 December to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers programme. QSL via JL1IHE, direct only.

Lesotho, 7P. Members of the Bloemfontein ARC will be active as 7P8BFN from Malealea for the SARL National Field Day on 12 and 13 September. QSL via ZS4BS.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Rodrigues Islands, 3B9. Robert, 3B9FR, reportedly is back on RTTY now using FSK from his Icom IC-756 PRO III. He has been working Europe and looks forward to working North America and Japan when conditions are better.

Madeira Islands, CT9. Klaus, DK1AX, will be active as CT9/DK1AX from Madeira Island (AF-014) between 27 August and 10 September. Activity will be holiday style. QSL via DK1AX, direct, by the Bureau.

Canary Islands, EA8. Zoltan, HA5PP, will be active as EA8/HA5PP from the Canary Islands during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (28 and 29 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band or Single-Band entry. QSL via HA5PP.

Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands, 3B8/3B9. Matthias, DF6LO, will be active as 3B9/DF6LO from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) sometime in November, followed by an operation from Mauritius Island (AF-049) as 3B8/DF6LO in December. He did not provide specific dates. He will use a FT-857D with 30 watts on JT65 and occasionally 100 watts on CW. QSL via LoTW and eQSL only. Watch QRZ.com for updates.

Madagascar, 5R. Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC from Saint Marie Island (AF-090) between 1 November and 12 December. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 metres, mainly CW, but some SSB, RTTY, and PSK63 using a FT-450 with 100

watts into various GPs or Inverted-Ls and a Hexbeam for 20 to 10 metres. There will be no online log during his activity. QSL via his home callsign (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

Guinea, 3XY. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team will be active as 3XY1T from the Los Islands (AF-051, WW Loc IJ39cl) sometime in February 2016 (TBA). The DXpedition's web site is at www.i2ysb.com/idt and has a dedicated 3XY1T "Needs & Wants Survey" form, just added to it. The results will be used in the planning of activity on the various bands.

However, activity will be on 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and RTTY. Their suggested frequencies are CW - 1 826, 3 530, 7 025, 10 115, 14 030, 18 068, 21 030, 24 893 and 28 030 kHz; SSB - 14 270, 18 155, 21 310, 24 975 and 28 420 kHz; RTTY - 21 083 kHz and 6 m - 50 102 for CW and 50 123 for SSB

Current list of operators are Silvano, I2YSB, Vinicio, IK2CIO, Angelo, IK2CKR, Marcello, IK2DIA, Stefano, IK2HKT, Mac, JA3USA, Gino, IK2RZP, and Alfeo, I1HJT. The team is looking for funds (see Web page for details). QSL via I2YSB direct only. An OQRS will be available on their Web site.

History this week

The week starting 24 August 2015

55 BC - Roman forces under Julius Caesar invade Britain

1609 - Galileo demonstrates his first telescope to Venetian lawmakers

1653 - The first christening takes place in the DRC Cape Town congregation

1831 - Michael Faraday demonstrated the first electrical transformer

1884 - First known photograph of a tornado is made near Howard, SD

1885 - Gottlieb Daimler receives a German patent for a motorcycle

1907 - The Bréguet-Richet Gyroplane No 1 made what is generally accepted as the first



vertical flight, hovering about 0,6 metres off the ground

1913 - Lt Peter Nestrov, of Imperial Russian Air Service, performs a loop in a monoplane at Kiev (first aerobatic manoeuvre in an airplane)

1930 - Sean Connery was born (25 August)

1939 - Erich Warsitz makes the first jet-propelled flight in a Heinkel He-178

24 Aug 2941 (SR) Bilbo tries to adapt to life in hiding (in Thranduil's Hall). The Hobbit

25 Aug 3018 (SR) All of Hobbiton whispered and wondered at Frodo's announcement to move to Buckland

27 Aug 3019 (SR) the Company makes its way north

28 Aug 2941 (SR) Bilbo searches out each Dwarf's cell (in Thranduil's Hall). The Hobbit

28 Aug 3019 (SR) Saruman turns towards the Shire

Get on the RaDAR....and GO!

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Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 24 to 31 August 2015

Hawaii QSO Party

04:00 UTC 22 August to 04:00

UTC 24 August

Mode: CW, Phone, RTTY, PSK

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Mixed - QRP, low or high;

Single Op Technician - CW and SSB (200

W); Single Op CW - low or high; Single Op

Digital High Power; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi

Max operating hours: Single Op: 18

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts

QRP: 5 watts CW/RTTY/PSK, 10 watts SSB

Exchange: HI: RS(T) and QTH ID; non-HI

W/VE: RS(T) and state or province; DX:

RS(T)



Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: HI: Each HI QTH ID once; HI:
Each state, province, territory or country
once; non-HI: Each HI QTH ID once per
band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 30 September 2015
E-mail logs to: awards@hawaiiqsoparty.org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.hiqsoparty.org/Rules/HQP/HQP_Rules.html

SKCC Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 26 August
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: (none)
Exchange: RST, state, province or country,
name and SKCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points:
5 points per Centurion member QSO per
band; 10 points per Tribune member QSO
per band; 25 points per QSO with SKCC club
call (K9SKC) per band
Multipliers: Each state, province or country
once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO
points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 28 August 2015
E-mail log summary to: (none)
Post log summary at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php?submit_id=99
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

Phone Fray
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 August
Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or
country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO;
non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA
station
Multipliers: Each US state (including
KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE prov-
ince/territory once per band; Each North
American country (except W/VE) once per
band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 28 August 2015
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_ConTEST_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 -14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26
August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 August
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no;
non-Member: Name and state, province or
country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC August 29, 2015
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

R5GB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB
19:00 - 20:00 UTC 27 August
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: September 3, 2015
 Upload log at:
<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2015/rsprint.shtml>

**I HATE BEING
 SEXY
 BUT I'M A
 HAM RADIO
 OPERATOR
 SO I CAN'T HELP IT**

QRP Fox Hunt
 01:00 UTC-02:30 UTC 28 August
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 20 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 29 August 2015
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 28 August
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 30 August 2015
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rtty.html>

NCCC Sprint Ladder
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 August
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: 100 watts
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
 Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 30 August 2015
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
http://www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

Feld Hell Sprint
 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 29 August
 Mode: Feld Hell
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: (none)
 Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: (see rules)
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 5 September 2015

Upload log at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/worked-all-americas-sprint>

ALARA Contest

04:00 - 13:59 UTC 29 August and 04:00 - 13:59 UTC 30 August

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: ALARA: RS(T), serial no, ALARA member and name; non-ALARA: RS(T), serial no, Name and whether YL, OM or club station

Work stations: Once per 60 minutes per band per mode

QSO Points: 5 points per phone QSO with ALARA member; 4 points per phone QSO with YL non-member; 3 points per phone QSO with OM or club station; Double points per QSO for CW

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 30 September 2015

E-mail logs to: contest@alara.org.au

Mail logs to: Mrs. Lesley Smit, VK5LOL, 4 Perry Barr Road, Hallett Cove, SA 5158, Australia

Find rules at:

<http://www.alara.org.au/contests/>

SCC RTTY Championship

12:00 UTC 29 August to 11:59 UTC 30 August

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RST and 4-digit year license first issued

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with same continent, different country; 2 points per QSO between different W, VE, VK, ZL, ZS, JA and PY call areas, LU provinces and Asiatic Russia UA9/UA0 oblasts; 3 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each 4-digit year licensed once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 7 September 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

http://lea.hamradio.si/scc/rtty/rtty_log_submission.htm

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://lea.hamradio.si/scc/rtty/rttyrules.htm>

YO DX HF Contest

12:00 UTC 29 August to 12:00 UTC 30 August

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed - high or low; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op Single Transmitter; Youngster or Novice - <16 y

Max power: High: >100 W; Low: 100 W or less

Exchange: YO: RS(T) and county; non-YO: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 8 points per QSO with YO station; 4 points per QSO with non-YO station on different continent; 2 points per QSO with non-YO station in different country, same continent; 1 point per QSO with non-YO station in same country

Multipliers: Each DXCC country (not YO) once per band; Each YO county once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 29 September 2015

E-mail logs to: yodx-contest@hamradio.ro

Mail logs to: FRR, PO Box 22-50, Bucharest RO-014780, Romania

Find rules at: <http://www.yodx.ro/en/english>

W/VE Islands QSO Party

12:00 UTC 29 August to 03:00 UTC 30 August

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: W/VE Island Permanent - QRP or QRO; W/VE Island Expedition - QRP or QRO; W/VE Island Rover - QRP or QRO; Non-Island W/VE - QRP or QRO

Max power: QRO: >5 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: Islands: RS(T) and USI/CISA Island designation; Non-Islands: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 15 September 2015

E-mail logs to: cm@usislands.org

Mail logs to: Sean Kutzko KX9X, 47 Prescott St, Apt. B3, West Hartford, CT 06110, USA

Find rules at:

http://usislands.org/2015_contest_rules.html

Kansas QSO Party

14:00 UTC 29 August to 02:00 UTC 30 August and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 August

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op; School; Mobile Single Op - CW or mixed - Low Power; Mobile Multi-Op Single Radio Low Power; Mobile Unlimited; Mobile Unassisted Low Power; Mobile SSB Low Power

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: KS: RS(T) and county; non-KS: RS(T) and state, VE section or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per CW/digital QSO; Bonus: 100 points for at least one QSO with KSOKS

Multipliers: KS: Each US state, VE section and "DX" once; non-KS: Each KS county once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and Bonus Points

Submit logs by: 1 October 2015

E-mail logs to: logs@ksqsoparty.org

Mail logs to: Kansas QSO Party, c/o Bob Harder, W0BH, Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.ksqsoparty.org/rules/KSQPRules2015.pdf>

North American SSB Sprint Contest

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 August

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max operating hours: 4 hours

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state and DC (including KL7 and KH6) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 6 September 2015

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at:

<http://ssbsprint.com/submit-log/>

Mail logs to: Chris Tate, N6WM, 12450 Del Valle Rd, Livermore, CA 94550, USA

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SARL HF CW Contest

13:00 - 16:30 UTC 30 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op All Band; Multi-Op Single Band

Exchange: RST and serial no

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 6 September 2015

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Find rules at:

http://www.sarl.org.za/Document_Store/CO NT 20150101 SARL Contest Manual 2015.pdf

From up north - Mixed mode Field Day 5 and 6 September

EDR Denmark and NRRL Norway are having also their National Field Day during the weekend of 5 and 6 September while rest of IARU Region 1 have their SSB Field Day. Members of EDR and NRRL will be active mixed mode on HF - 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres; this is to attract more recruits to the upcoming JOTA activities in October. Further, EDR and NRRL members will be active on 60 m for reports and QSO during this hours.

The EDR Field Day manager is OZ3MC and the NRRL Field Day Manager for 2015 is LA7VRA.

Next Week's Contests

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 2 September
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 2 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 3 September

UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 September

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW), 18:00 - 19:00 UTC 3 September (SSB), 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (Dig) 3 September

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 4 September

NCCC RTTY Sprint Ladder, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 4 September

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 4 September

G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest, 23:00 UTC 4 September to 23:00 UTC 6 September

CWops CW Open, 00:00 - 03:59 UTC, 12:00 - 15:59 UTC and 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 5 September

All Asian DX Phone Contest, 00:00 UTC 5 September to 24:00 UTC 6 September

Russian RTTY WW Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 5 September

Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, 06:00 - 06:29 UTC, 06:30 UTC - 06:59 UTC, 07:00 - 07:29 UTC and 07:30 - 08:00 5 September

Colorado QSO Party, 13:00 UTC 5 September to 04:00 UTC 6 September

IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day, 13:00 UTC 5 September to 12:59 UTC 6 September

RSGB SSB Field Day, 13:00 UTC 5 September to 13:00 UTC 6 September

AGCW Straight Key Party, 16:00 - 19:00 UTC 5 September

PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80 m Sprint, 20:00 UTC 5 September to 20:00 UTC 6 September


DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest, 11:00 - 17:00 UTC 6 September

Tennessee QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 6 September to 03:00 UTC 7 September

MI QRP Labour Day CW Sprint, 23:00 UTC 7 September to 03:00 UTC 8 September

ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 8 September

Items used with acknowledgement to the ARRL Letter, the ARRL DX News, the ARRL Contest Update, OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX Bulletin, DXNL Newsletter, WIA-News, the RSGB News, DxCoffee, Southgate ARC News, the Islands, the Amateur Radio Newsletter and the Castles and Portable Operations Bulletin



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